



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 7496

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Offered by:

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To: House Bill No. 5496

File No. 243

Cal. No. 222

**"AN ACT REGULATING LIMITED BENEFIT MEDICAL PLANS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Each individual health  
4 insurance policy, subscriber contract or certificate of coverage  
5 delivered or issued for delivery in this state on or after January 1, 2008,  
6 that provides limited coverage, and any marketing material,  
7 application for coverage and enrollment material relative to such  
8 policy, contract or certificate, shall include the following statement  
9 printed in capital letters in not less than twelve-point bold face type  
10 and located in a conspicuous manner on such document:

11 "THIS LIMITED HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN DOES NOT PROVIDE  
12 COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL COVERAGE. IT IS A BASIC OR  
13 LIMITED BENEFITS POLICY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO COVER

14 ALL MEDICAL EXPENSES. THIS PLAN IS NOT DESIGNED TO  
15 COVER THE COSTS OF SERIOUS OR CHRONIC ILLNESS. IT  
16 CONTAINS SPECIFIC DOLLAR LIMITS THAT WILL BE PAID FOR  
17 MEDICAL SERVICES WHICH MAY NOT BE EXCEEDED. IF THE  
18 COST OF SERVICES EXCEEDS THOSE LIMITS, THE BENEFICIARY  
19 AND NOT THE INSURER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF THE  
20 EXCESS AMOUNTS. THE SPECIFIC DOLLAR LIMITS ARE AS  
21 FOLLOWS: (INSURER TO SPECIFY SUCH AMOUNTS)."

22 (b) For the purposes of this section, "limited coverage" means an  
23 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in  
24 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general  
25 statutes that contains an annual maximum benefit of less than one  
26 hundred thousand dollars or a per service or per condition benefit  
27 limit of less than twenty thousand dollars.

28 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) No insurer, health care  
29 center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or  
30 other entity delivering, issuing for delivery, renewing, continuing or  
31 amending any group health insurance policy in this state on or after  
32 January 1, 2008, shall deliver or issue for delivery in this state any  
33 policy providing limited coverage to any employer as a replacement  
34 for a comprehensive health insurance plan for its employees.

35 (b) Each group health insurance policy, subscriber contract or  
36 certificate of coverage delivered or issued for delivery in this state on  
37 or after January 1, 2008, that provides limited coverage, and any  
38 marketing material, application for coverage and enrollment material  
39 relative to such policy, contract or certificate, shall include the  
40 following statement printed in capital letters in not less than twelve-  
41 point bold face type and located in a conspicuous manner on such  
42 document:

43 "THIS LIMITED HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN DOES NOT PROVIDE  
44 COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL COVERAGE. IT IS A BASIC OR  
45 LIMITED BENEFITS POLICY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO COVER

46 ALL MEDICAL EXPENSES. THIS PLAN IS NOT DESIGNED TO  
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 52 EXCESS AMOUNTS. THE SPECIFIC DOLLAR LIMITS ARE AS  
 53 FOLLOWS: (INSURER TO SPECIFY SUCH AMOUNTS)."

54 (c) For the purposes of this section, "limited coverage" means an  
 55 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in  
 56 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general  
 57 statutes that contains an annual maximum benefit of less than one  
 58 hundred thousand dollars or a per service or per condition benefit  
 59 limit of less than twenty thousand dollars."

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |             |
| Section 1   | <i>July 1, 2007</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2  | <i>July 1, 2007</i> | New section |